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1. NOthing can hurt us but Sin, and that shall not hurt us, if we can re-ent of it. And nothing can do us good but he Love and Favour of God in Christ, and hat we shall have, if we seek it.

2. No man is in a sad condition, but he hat hath a hard heart, and cannot pray.

3. So much Sin, so much Sorrow; so uch Holiness, so much Happiness.

4. Make thy Sin thy greatest Sorrow; o shall thy Sorrow never hurt thee. Make Jesus Christ thy greatest Joy, so shalt thou ever want Joy.

5. A man that hath the spirit of prayer, ath more then if he had all the world.

6. Two things to be commended to a Married Couple, Cares and strifes. For the rst, Let your Cares be, which shall please God most; for your strifes, let them be, hich shall love one another best: So will our Cares and Strifes be to purpose; so ill all needless Cares and strifes vanish

7. If you be in a married estate, know nd believe it, Though you might have had a etter, or richer Wife or Husband, yet sure nough you could never have had a fitter, be-ause it was so appointed by God in Heaven,

before it could be accomplished here o
Earth; and therefore, though mutual love
not performed to thee, yet do thou thy part
obedience to God, and thou shalt be sure t
have comfort in the end, though God exerci
thee with chastisements for a time.

8. There can no afflictions or miseries b
fall us, but by Gods appointment, and can
hurt us, but must needs do us good, if we
Gods Children. But first, Be sure you n
not sin with them; for that only makes the
bitter. Secondly, Look not at the rod, but
him that smiteth; for that causeth fretti
and fainting both.

9. If thou desirest to be assured thy sins
forgiven thee, labour to forgive injuries a
offences done unto thee, according to th
in. Mat. 6. 14, 15. Four things consider
this end: 1. Christs example, who forga
and prayed for his enemies. 2. Christs co
mand, When ye pray, forgive, if ye have ought aga
any man. 3. Christs promise, If ye forgi
ye shall be forgiven. 4. Christs threatning,
ye forgive not, ye shall not be forgiven.

10. In all miseries and distresses, it is
wisdom to go to that friend that is most ne
most willing, and most able to help; such
friend is God.

11. He would often say, He had no reas
to complain of his crosses, being they w
but the bitter fruit of his sins.

12. Where sin lyes heavy, crosses lye lig
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and contrary, where crosses lye heavy' sins lye light.

13. Either prayer will make a man give over sinning, or sin will make a man give over praying.

14. Four things we may learn from Children: 1. They take no unnecessary care: 2. They sleep without malice: 3. They are content with their condition. 4. They are humble; the child of a King will play with the child of a begger.

15. There is no affliction so small, but we should sink under it, if God upheld not; and there is no sin so great but we commit it, if God restrain not.

16. If we be railed on, or reviled, or injuriously dealt withall by friend or foe, we should be more troubled for the sin against God, then for the offence done to our selves.

17. A godly man is like a sheep, every place is the better for him where he comes: A wicked man is like a goat, every place is the worse for him; he leaves a stinking savour behind him.

18. Sanctified afflictions are spiritual promotions, and are far better for a Christian, then all the silver and gold in the world, being that the trial of our Faith is much more precious then of gold that perisheth, 1 Pet. 1. 6.

19. Directions for the Lord day. Make the Sabbath the Market-day for thy soul: Lose not one hour, but be either praying,

conferring, or meditating; think not the own thoughts; let every day have its duties turn the Sermon heard, into matter of prayer: Instruction into petition, reproof into confession, consolation into thanksgiving. Think much of the Sermon heard, and make something of it all the week long.

20. Directions for every day: First, For morning. Every morning presuppose, 1. I must die: 2. I may die or night: 3. whither will my soul go, to heaven or to hell? Secondly, For night. Every night ask at thy soul these Questions: 1. Have I twice this day humbled my self before God in private? 2. How did I pray? In faith and love? 3. what have my thoughts been this day? 4. what have I been in my place and calling? 5. what have I been in company? Did I speak of good things? or did I hear, and with Mary, lay up? 6. If God, with the morning, renewed mercies, was I thankfull? 7. If the day afforded me matter of sorrow, did I fret? or did I lye in the dust before God? 8. when you have thus done, where have you been failing, confesse it with sorrow; the lesse work you will have to do when death comes. Thus every night reckon right with thy God. This hath been my daily course, and shall be my practice till I die.

21. What we win by prayer, we shall wear with comfort.

22. There is a twofold assurance: 1. A

A Sun. shine: 2. A Moon shine assurance. The first is that full assurance, in Heb. 10. 22. The Moon. shine is that of the Word, To the which we do well that we take heab, 1 Thes. 1. 5. 2 Pet. 1, 18. The first is given but to few, and that but seldom; and that either upon some great duty to be performed, or some new condition of life to be entred in to, or upon some great suffering to be undergone, of which one saith, The hours it comes, is but seldom, and the stay of it short. The second is that we must trust to, A relying upon the sure Word of God, by the faith of adherence, when we want the other, the spirit of full assurance.

23. For the comfort of Gods people, he observed out of the 129. Psal. that though the wicked were the plowers of the righteous, and would plow deep, make long furrows, and even plow their hearts out, if they could, yet the righteous Lord that sits in heaven laughs at them, and cuts their Cords, and then they can plow no more.

24. In case of persecutions and other sufferings, Gods people should seriously consider these four things: 1. God wills them, and sends them: Now Gods will is a perfect rule of righteousnesse; and what God doth, is so well done, that it could not be better done: 2. There is need of them, or else we should not have them. 3. Their number, measure and continuance is determined by

God;

God; they are but for a moment, and, last for few dayes, Rev. 2. 10. not too heavy, many, or too long, as the devil would h them; not too few too short, or too light, our corrupt natures would have them. Their end is a weight of glory, and the Cr that attends them, everlasting, 2Cor. 4.

25. Three things make a man count h self happy here below: 1. To have a g estate: 2. To have it in a good place: 3. good neighbours. Now these three, they die in the Lord eminently enjoy. 1. T heavenly inheritance great; Eye hath not nor ear heard the like, 1Cor. 2.9. 2. It is good place; 2 Cor. Heaven, which is a h made for them, and made by God. and th fore must needs be good: 3. By good nei bours, God, Christ, the Spirit, Angels Saints. Adam had a good inheritance, an a good place, but he had an evil neighbou the devil that troubled him, and marred but there is no evil neighbours in heaven.

26. The passions of Gods people do hinder the success of their prayers. Elias a man subject to like passions as we are, he prayed, and was heard, James 5. 17.

27. Three things concur to the makin of the sin against the holy Ghost: 1. Ligh in the mind: 2. Malice in the heart: 3. insensiblenels of the sin. He that fears he committed it, hath not committed it.

28. The reason why many are not wrou up

pon that live under powerful meansof grace, hen many that live at a great distance, and me seldom under a powerful Preacher, are rought upon by it; he used to give by this militude: As in a Market Town the Towns eople matter not so much for Market ares, as they that live in the Countreys ey come to buy, and must, and will have hat they want, what ever they pay for it; hereas they that live in the Town, think ey may buy at any time, and so neglect buy- ng at present; and at last, oftentimes they re disappointed.

29. To perswade us not to return railing or railing, he would say, That if a dog bark- d at a sheep, a sheep will not bark at a dog.

30. Four arguments against immoderate ares for earthly things, that we might not ishonour or deny God, he observed out of at. 6. 1. It is needlesse: 2. It is brutish: . It is bootlesse: 4. It is heathenish. 1 Need lesse. What need we care, and God too? vers. o. 31. 32. Our heavenly Father knows we have need f these things, and he bids us be careful for othing, but cast our cares on him who careth for s. 2. It is brutish, nay more then brutish; v. 6. Consider the Fowls of the air, and ravens that be eeds, they toyl not. 3. It is bootlesse, and to no urpose, v. 27. Which of you by taking thought can ad one cubit unto his stature, or pennie to his estate. . It is heathenish: After all these things, the Gen- ls seek, v. 32.

31. Many in the world take their [illegible] ship upon trust, and trade in the duties of [illegible] gion, with the credit they have gained fr[illegible] others opinions; they believe themselves [illegible] be Christians, because others hope them to [illegible] such, and so Zealously trade in duties that [illegible] utmost, to keep up their credit, but ne[illegible] look for a stock or solid grace within; a[illegible] this undoes many.

32. As we read of daily bread, so of a d[illegible] bread, Luk. 9. 23. which we are bid to take [illegible] to make. We need not make crosses for [illegible] selves, as we are too prone to do; but [illegible] God make them for us: Crosses bring m[illegible] in heaven, but for the Saints backs; and [illegible] must not lay them down till they and we [illegible] down together.

33. It was a notable saying of a h[illegible] man: Though hell, and then heaven, yet I [illegible] love and fear my God.

34. It is not crying out upon the devil; [illegible] declaiming against our prayer as discour[illegible] but fighting with the devil, and mortifyi[illegible] our lusts, that God thereby looks upon.

35. The mighty professour disappoi[illegible] Use 11. The world, who seeing [illegible] leaves, opens none, but finds none: 2. [illegible] self wholly unfit to reach heaven, but f[illegible] thoughts of it.

36. The only way for a distressed soul t[illegible] comfort from former comforts, by re[illegible] of future backslidings, and so questions [illegible]

his

this former evidences is To renew his repentance, as if he had never believed.

37. Some are apt to think, if they are in such a family, under such a minister, out of such temptations, the devil would not meddle with them as he doth: But such should know, that so long as his old friend is alive within, he will be knocking at the door without.

38. The seed were sown so deep in the nature of the devil, and the Saint, that they will never be rooted out till the devil cease to be a devil, and sin to be sin, and the Saint to be a Saint.

39. The sinner is the devil's Miller, always grinding, and the devil is always filling the Hopper, that the Mill may not stand still.

40. There be some sins that an ignorant person cannot commit; but there are far more that an ignorant person cannot but commit.

41. There be five tyes by which the God of heaven hath bound himself to be the Saints Life guard against the powers of darkness: 1. His relation to them as a Father: 2. His love to them, in respect as they being the Birth of his everlasting counsel, are partakers of his own Likeness: 3. The price of His Sons Blood, and His Covenant with them: 4. Their dependance upon Him, and expectation from him in all their straits. Now the expectations of the poor shall not perish, Psal. 9. 18. 5. Christs present imployment in heaven

heaven is to see all things carried fairly between God and them.

42. Brown bread with the Gospel, is good fare.

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